GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Research and Information System
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the role of Research and Information System (RIS) for developing countries working as think-tank under the Ministry of External Affairs;

(b) the manner in which its working has strengthened India's socio-economic relations with various countries; and

(c) the details of major inputs provided to solve issues at international level during the last two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (c) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 270 REGARDING "RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SYSTEM" FOR ANSWER ON 16.03.2016

(a) to (c) Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) is envisioned as a forum for fostering effective policy dialogue and capacity-building among developing countries on global and regional economic issues. The research agenda of RIS focuses on four verticals:

â€¢ Global Economic Issues and South-South Cooperation.
â€¢ Regional Initiatives on Trade and Investment.
â€¢ Regional Cooperation, Trade Facilitation and Connectivity.
â€¢ New Technologies and Development Issues.

Through its research activities and through its coordination of Track-II discussions under various regional initiatives, RIS helps foster understanding and seed new collaborative ideas between developing countries.

In the last two years, analytical inputs from RIS have been useful in evaluating Government schemes for connectivity within South Asia, Indian development assistance to partner countries, international discourse on effective development cooperation, classification of high-technology exports, and in the context of negotiations on free trade agreements and emerging issues such as Blue Economy.